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PATENT APPLICATION

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2624**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: COLOR-CONVERTING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 24, 2007 Notice of Allowance, Applicants respectfully traverse the request that Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D to be designated by a legend of "prior art."

The Notice of Allowance asserts that only that is old is illustrated in Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D. This assertion is without merit. These figures show concepts that are considerable by the inventors to solve problems in the prior art. Such concepts considered by the inventors are not prior art. Thus, Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D should not have been requested to be labeled as "prior art."

Applicants thank Examiner Do for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Luo, during the January 29, 2007 telephone interview. During the telephone interview,